



St. Francis De Sales Parish BULLETIN



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HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB



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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm - High River
Sunday 9:00 am - Vulcan
Sunday 11:00 am - High River

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7,
2024



Photo By: Victor Oliveira



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Isaiah 60:1-6) Their pilgrimage is a sign—that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

Second Reading: (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6) We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle.

Gospel: (Matthew 2:1-12) As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts—our intentions and talents—on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections-for-more-info>.

WHO IS THE KING?

Have you heard the story about the lion who was stalking through the jungle? He thought he was really something. The king of the jungle. The greatest beast of the wild. And he wanted to make sure everyone else thought that as well.

He grabbed a tiger who was passing by. The lion put a stranglehold on the tiger. The lion growled ferociously and said, "Who's the king of the jungle?" And the tiger, trembling and shaking, said, "You are, o lion. You are the king of the jungle!" Then there was a bear that passed by. And, again the lion grabbed him, and put a strangle hold on him and growled ferociously, and said, "Who's the king of the jungle?" And the bear too, trembling like the tiger, said, "You are, o lion. No question about it. You are the king of the jungle!"

And then the lion came upon a mighty elephant, huge, massive, towering many feet above the lion! And once more he asked with a ferocious growl, "Who's the king of the jungle? Who's the greatest beast of the wild?" And the elephant didn't say anything. He just picked up the lion with his trunk, whirled him around several times, and smashed him into a tree. As the lion got up, broken and bleeding, he said to the elephant, "Look man, just because you don't know the answer is no reason for you to get so rough!"

We have to be very careful that we don't try to tempt the Lord by always wanting Him to prove Himself.



*"God is Love, and
all God's operations
proceed from love.
The incarnation is the
supreme manifestation
of God's goodness and
love and glory".*

St. Lawrence of Brindisi



Rosary Leaders Needed

We are in need of more people to lead the Rosary before the Saturday 5:00 pm mass and Sunday 11:00 am Mass.

If this interests you, please talk to Valerie Schey, or contact Nancy in the office at 403-652-2203 or by email, at francisdesales@shaw.ca





Thank You!

On the first Sunday of the New Year, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the members and supporters of our parishes for joining us on our journey of faith. Thank you for attending every Holy Mass, for praying for the Church and for our parish, and for your support. I appreciate the fact that our parish is a vibrant community where we can see how we walk with God through life.

Thank you for your love for our beautiful church and for your donations for its maintenance and upkeep. The coming year holds many unknowns, but I believe that God will never forget us.

As Psalm 9 says, "Lord, you do not abandon those who seek you. "May the New Year be a time dedicated to God, living with His blessing! May God protect you from evil, sickness, and misfortune. I pray that God blesses our community and its members in the New Year 2024!

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who worked tirelessly to make our Christmas and New Year celebrations so beautiful. Firstly, a big thank you to Deacon Larry and his wife Therese, our Secretary Nancy, and staff, Val & Larry H. Secondly, thank you to the Decoration Team, Music Ministry, Liturgical Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, and all of you who care so deeply about our church. Your time and energy are truly appreciated.

God Bless.
Fr. Marius
Parish Priest



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Greeting Cards, Christmas Cards & Stamps!



Not sure what to do with your stack of greeting cards? Did you know the Diocesan Mission Council collects used and unused greeting cards for donation for their card making program, which supports Overseas missions, as well they collect used stamps.

All donations can be dropped off at SFDS in the basket in the church hall. If you have any questions, please call Nancy in the office, 403-652-2203, or email at francisdesaleshighriver.com

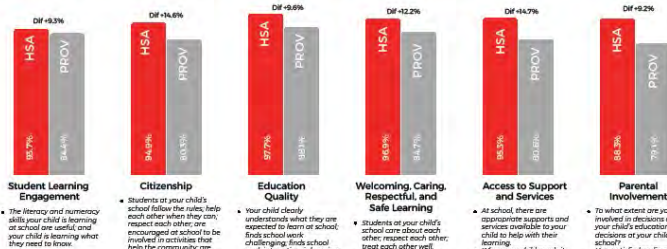


The K of C 9521 January meeting will be on **Monday January 8, 2024, 7:00 pm** in the St. Francis de Sales Church hall.

Holy Spirit Academy 2022-2023 annual education results report An Overview of Our Performance

ALBERTA ASSURANCE ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS

Alberta Education Assurance is a set of 12 performance measures calculated by Alberta Education for school and school boards across the province. Schools and school boards are evaluated based on achievement, improvement, and overall performance.



[Click here for our full Annual Education Results Report](#)

Faith Survey Results

- 98%** - Percentage of students, parents, and teachers who indicate that they are satisfied with the relationship that exists between the school and the local Catholic parish.
- 96%** - Percentage of students, parents and teachers who are satisfied with how they have grown as a Christian as a result of their involvement in Catholic education.
- 96%** - Percentage of students, parents and teachers who are satisfied with which is being taught in religious classes.
- 96%** - Percentage of students, parents and teachers who indicate they are satisfied with the religious celebrations that are held at the school.

Insights: Our stakeholders showcase a strong commitment to Catholic Education and faith tied to our Touchstones: "Gathered in the Faith; Sent to Love and Serve."

Insights

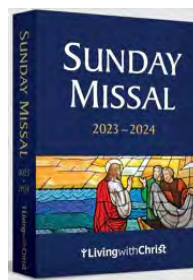
- HSA showcases exceptional education quality, exceeding provincial averages in both the acceptable and excellence standards on achievement tests.
- Access to supports and services and providing a safe and caring learning environment are key components to student success at HSA.
- HSA continues to provide increased opportunities for parental involvement and new strategies for stakeholder communication.



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The High River Pro Life meeting will be on **January 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm** at the church. All are welcome!



2024 Missals

The 2024 **Sunday Missals** are now available in the church hall. A donation is greatly appreciated

St. Francis de Sales 2024 Offering Envelopes
 Just a reminder that the 2024 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the church hall.

If you do not have an assigned envelope #, but would like one, Please contact Nancy in the church office by phone, 403-652-2203 or email francisdesales@shaw.ca



MASS INTENTIONS

January 1– 31, 2024

January 1	9:00 am	Jerome Schmitz †
January 2	7:00 pm	Eric Rosell
January 3	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
January 4	9:15 am	Dominador Jalasjos †
January 5	9:15 am	Ellen deLeon †
January 6	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lyle Needham Our Parish
January 7	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Don & Heather Baldwin
January 8	9:00 am	Yvette Marchand †
January 9	7:00 pm	Sophie Lermeyer †
January 10	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Manetta Charbin SFDS CWL Sisters
January 11	9:15 am	Eugenia Cordova †
January 12	9:15 am	Theresa Fallows †
January 13	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Danny & Mary Rehak † Irene Puzianoski †
January 14	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Sophie Lermeyer †
January 15	9:00 am	Cathie McNelis †
January 16	7:00 pm	Sophie Lermeyer †
January 17	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Diane Chayer Alma Vandenweele †
January 18	9:15 am	Lillian Schmitz †
January 19	9:15 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
January 20	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Cathie McNelis † Theresa Fallows †
January 21	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Tina Pasolli † Our Parish
January 22	9:00 am	No Mass
January 23	7:00 pm	Keith & Marilyn Jensen
January 24	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Ann Hall Cathy Nesselbeck †
January 25	9:15 am	Cathy Monroe
January 26	9:15 am	Val Schey
January 27	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Jack Jestin † Our Parish
January 28	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Cathy Nesselbeck † Alma Vandenweele †
January 29	9:00 am	No Mass
January 30	7:00 pm	Bessie Amores †
January 31	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Rosanne Marshall Theresa Fallows †



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